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PSC TO HOLD HEARINGS IN JANUARY IN THE PROPOSED SALE OF OSAGE WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL UTILITIES TO MISSOURI-AMERICAN

Jefferson City (December 22, 2004)---In order to reach a resolution more quickly, the Missouri Public Service Commission, on its own motion, has modified the hearing schedule in a joint application case filed by the Missouri-American Water Company, Osage Water Company and Environmental Utilities, L.L.C. The joint application seeks Commission authority for Missouri-American Water Company to acquire the utility assets, both water and sewer, of the Osage Water Company and Environmental Utilities.

Hearings, originally scheduled for March 29-30, 2005, will now begin on January 24, 2005, and will continue through January 27, 2005, if necessary. The hearings will be held in the Commission's offices in the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City. **The hearing on the 24th is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m.** The Governor Office Building meets accessibility standards of the Americans With Disabilities Act. Any person who needs specific accessibility accommodations to participate in the hearings may call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearings.

Missouri-American Water Company serves approximately 454,000 water customers and approximately 450 sewer customers in various locations in Missouri. The Osage Water Company provides Commission-regulated service to approximately 350 water customers and approximately 300 sewer customers in Camden County. Environmental Utilities provides Commission-regulated service to approximately 15 retail water customers and also provides Commission-regulated wholesale water supply service to the Osage Water Company for one of its service areas.

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